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SUBJ: MITRIONE KIDNAPPING - COMMUNIQUE OF INTERIOR MINISTRY

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FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF SPANISH TEXT COMMUNIQUE RELEASED BY MINISTER OF INTERIOR AT MIDDAY TODAY (AUGUST 3):

QUOTE

IN VIEW OF WELL-KNOWN EVENTS, THE MINISTCY OF THE INTERIOR EXPRESSES TO THE PUBLIC:

1. THAT THE RECENT EVENTS, WHICH HAVE ACHIEVED PUBLIC NOTORIETY, CONSTITUTE A NEW AGGRESSION AGAINST THE ESTABLISHED ORDER OF THE STATE BY THE AUTHORS OF SAID CRIMES AND AGGRAVATED IN THIS CASE BY EXTORTION AGAINST THE LEGITIMATELY CONSTITUTED POWER.

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2. THAT IN THIS CASE, THE TERM POLITICAL PRISONERS DOES NOT APPLY, BUT RATHER THAT OF COMMON CRIMINALS.

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EM THAT PUBLIC AUTHORITIES WILL CONTINUE TO STUBBORNLY OPPOSE THESE ACTIVITIES IN THE FULFILLMENT OF THEIR DUTY.

4. THAT IN RELATION TO THE CONCERN FOR SOCIAL PEACE EXPRESSED THROUGH THE COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA AND WHICH CONSTITUTES A FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVE OF PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, THERE EXISTS NO GUARANTEE (FOR PACIFICATION) BECAUSE THIS HAS NOT BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE OFFENDERS NOR HAVE THEY SHOWN ANY SIGN OF REPENTANCE OR OF INTENTION TO RETURN ARMS, INCLUDING THOSE STOLEN FROM THE APPROPRIATE FORCES OF ORDER.

5. THAT IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT THE CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE KIDNAPPINGS HAS PERSISTENTLY, AND WITH A SEVERITY NEVER BEFORE SEEN AMONG US, ALTERED THE PEACE, THE PUBLIC SECURITY AND THE INDIVIDUAL TRANQUILITY OF THE INHABITANTS WITHOUT REGARD TO THE DAMAGES WHICH THEY CAUSE TO THE PEOPLE OR TO COUNTRY, AND SHOWING NO ATTITUDE WHICH WOULD INDICATE THE SMALLEST SIGN OF CONCILIATION.

6. THAT NOTHING MORE NOR LESS IS DEMANDED THAN THAT TRIED AND IMPRISONED PEOPLE BE REMOVED FROM ORDINARY JUSTICE, AND THAT THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAW BE VIOLATED BY THOSE POWERS WHICH SHOULD GUARD ITS EXISTENCE AND FULFILLMENT.

7. THAT IN THIS CASE, THE PUBLIC AUTHORITY HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO ABIDE BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAW AND TO EXERT ALL ITS EFFORTS AND THE ACTIVITIES OF ALL ITS SERVICES TO BRING TO LIGHT ALL THESE EXTREMELY SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF THE EXISTING PENAL CODES IN AN EFFORT TO FREE THOSE WHO ARE SO CRUELLY AND INJUSTLY HELD HOSTAGE, FAR FROM THEIR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN.

8. THAT PUBLIC ORDER FORCES THE POLICE AND THE ARMY, WHICH HAVE BEEN SUFFERING THE MOST UNFAIR CASUALTIES DEFENDING SOCIETY IN FACING THIS TYPE OF DELINQUENCY, WILL PATRIOTICALLY AND WITH ALL THEIR ENERGY CONTINUE TO FIGHT DELINQUENCY AND DEFEND THE FREEDOM AND PEACE OF THE POPULATION.

9. THAT THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, AT THIS MOMENT, WISHES TO THANK DEEPLY THE POPULATION OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY FOR THE COOPERATION WHICH HAS BEEN RENDERED AND REQUESTS IT COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF DISTURBANCES WHICH MAY BE SUFFERED BECAUSE

OF THE SEARCH FOR DELINQUENTS OR IN THE ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY WELL-KNOWN FACTS, AND EXHORTS THE POPULATION TO CONTINUE THEIR PATRIOTIC DUTY OF COOPERATION.

10. FINALLY, WE WISH TO STATE, IN VIEW OF THE INHUMAN AND ANTISOCIAL IRRESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERPETRATORS OF THE MISDEEDS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS, THAT PEACE AND TRANQUILITY MUST BE MAINTAINED BECAUSE IT IS THE FIRM PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC AUTHORITY TO SAFEGUARD THE SOCIAL ORDER AND PEACE WITHIN THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAW.
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